

REMARKS

In the Official Action of June 7, 2005, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among six allegedly distinct inventions, namely:

Invention I, referring to claims 1-46 and 102-136, drawn to a digital content integrity check associated with the feature of computer program modification detection by cryptography;

Invention II, referring to claims 53-56, 64-66, 83-101 and 137-152, drawn to stored data content processing protection using a content key derived from either a system common key or an apparatus-specific key and encryption key data;

Invention III, referring to claims 57 and 67, drawn to mutual entity authentication in a data processing system between the host device and the slave device using a specific authentication key;

Invention IV, referring to claims 47-52, 58-63 and 68, drawn to a particular key generator which generates individual keys necessary to execute encryption processing based on master keys and identification data of the apparatus;

Invention V, referring to claims 69-82, drawn to a tamper resistant process that verifies the presence or absence of tampering by using an illegal device list included in content data and that executes collation processing accordingly; and

Invention VI, referring to claims 153-178, drawn to digital compressing and expanding processes of data content.

The Examiner has contended that Inventions I-VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination, yet usable separately from one another. Thus, the Examiner has contended that Invention I has separate utility as a digital content integrity check associated with the feature of computer program modification detection by cryptography; that Invention II has separate utility as stored

data content processing protection using a content key derived from either a system common key or an apparatus-specific key and encryption key data; that Invention III has separate utility as mutual entity authentication in a data processing system between the host device and the slave device using a specific authentication key; that Invention IV has separate utility as a particular key generator which generates individual keys necessary to execute encryption processing based on master keys and identification data of the apparatus; that Invention V has separate utility as a tamper resistant process that verifies the presence or absence of tampering while using an illegal device list included in content data and that executes collation processing accordingly; and that Invention VI has separate utility as digital compressing and expanding processes of data content.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-46 and 102-136, for further prosecution in this application. Accordingly, claims 47-101 and 137-178 stand withdrawn from further consideration in the present application without prejudice to applicant's right to file one or more divisional applications directed thereto.

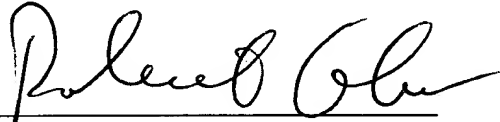
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No fee is believed necessary for this response. However, if the Examiner believes a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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